

# Illuminating LMA-Dark solution and superlight sterile neutrinos by intermediate baseline reactor neutrino experiments

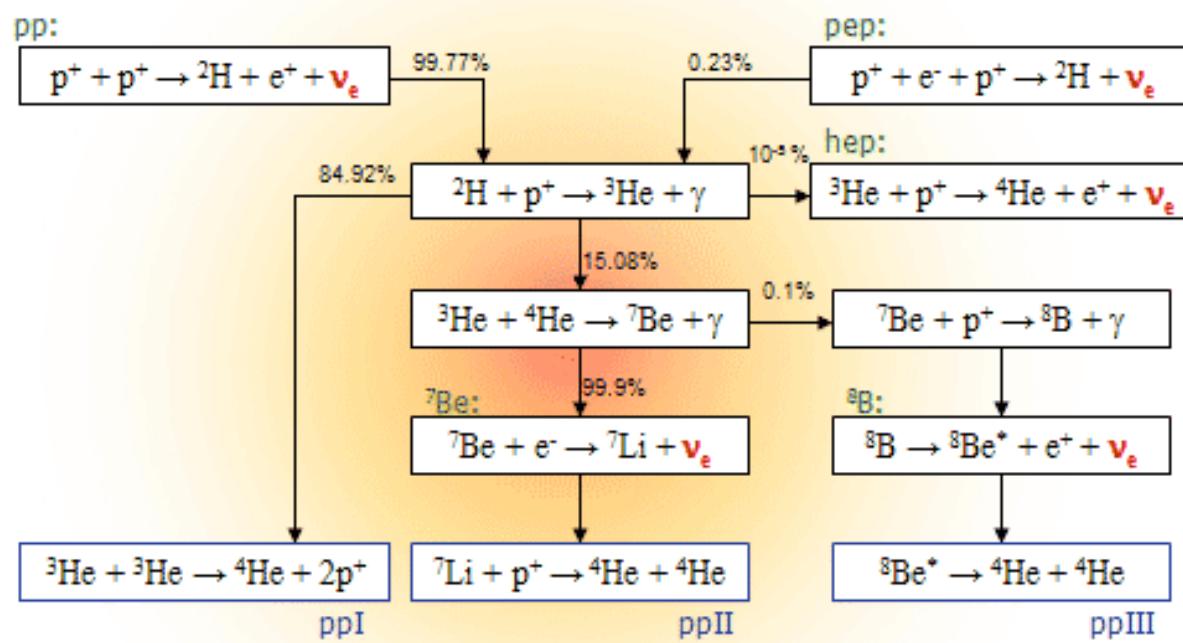
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# Outline of my talk

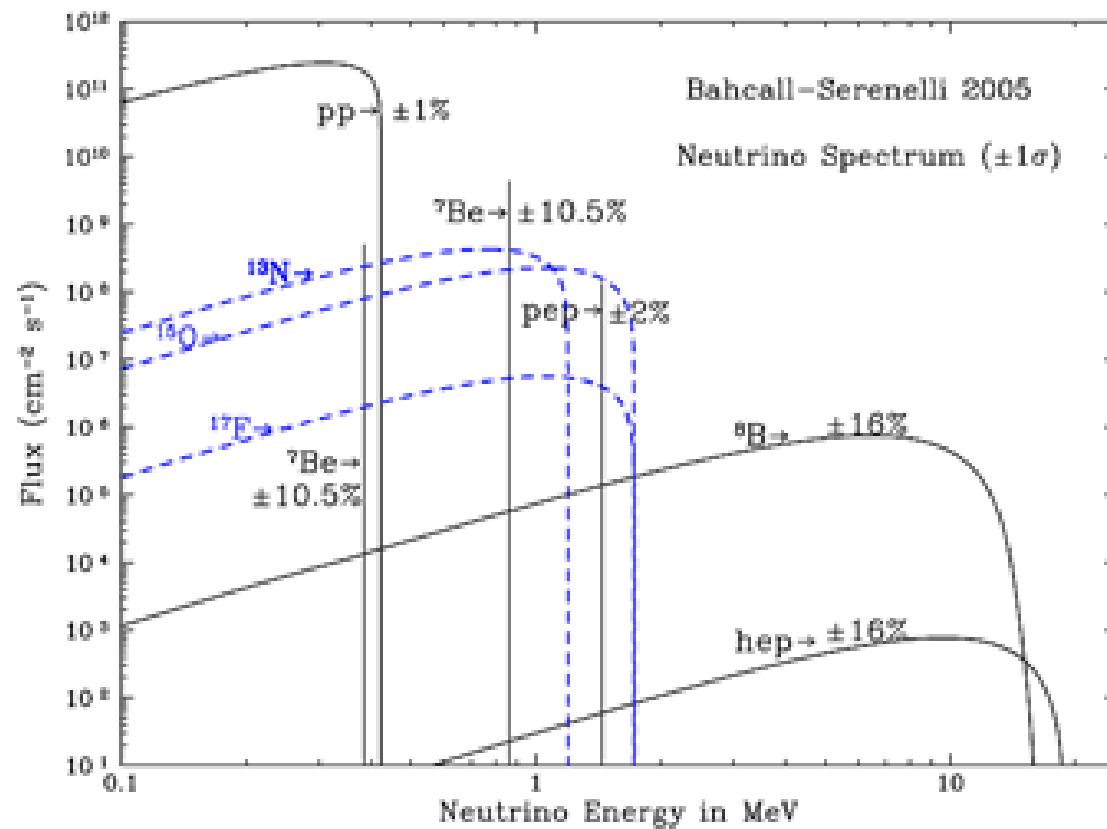
- Review: Solar Neutrino anomaly and MSW effect
- Some tension: suppression of low energy upturn
- Superlight Sterile Neutrino Scenario (SSNS)
- Testing SSNS via intermediate baseline reactor experiments: JUNO and RENO-50
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- Non-Standard Neutrino Interactions (NSI)
- LMA-Dark solution
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# Solar neutrinos

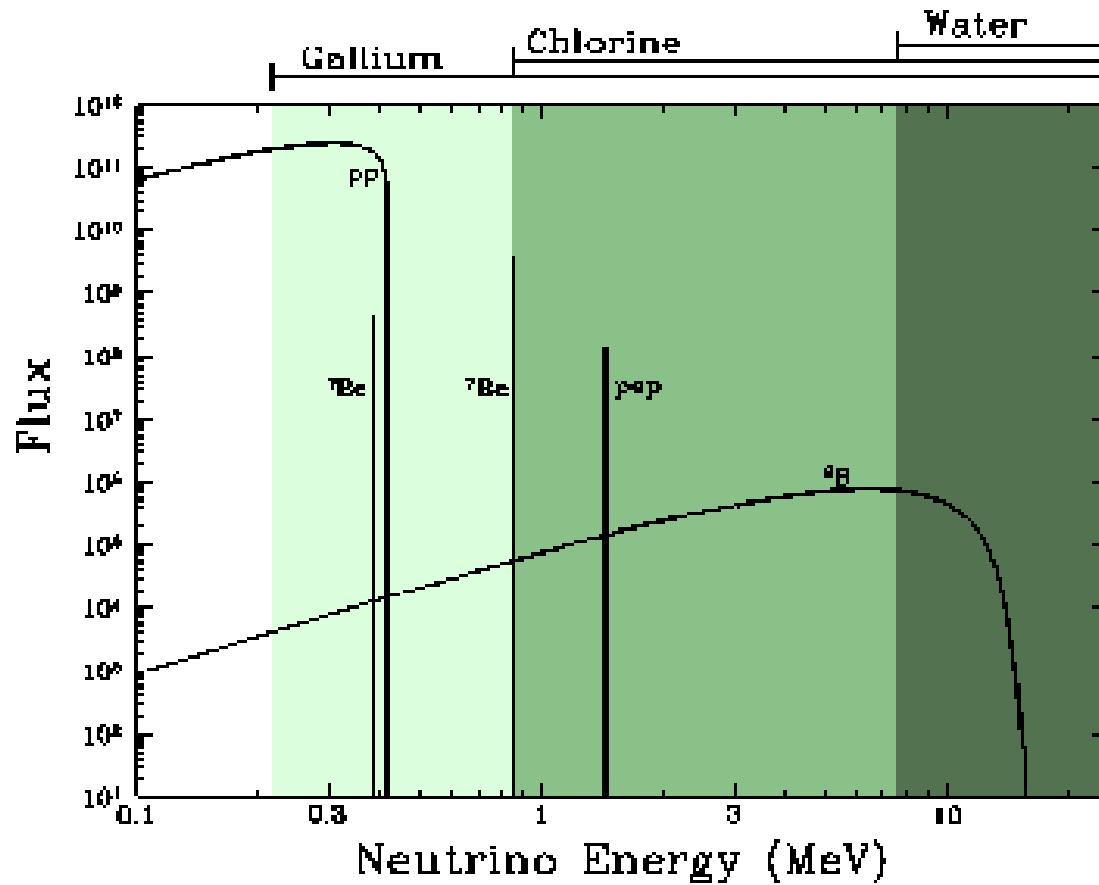
- Proton fusion:  $4p \rightarrow He + 2e^+ + 2\nu_e$



# Solar Neutrino spectrum



# Detection thresholds



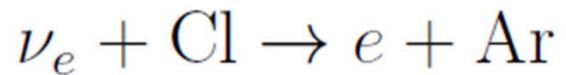
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Started data taking in 2007

Liquid scintillator

# Homestake

- Gold mine in South Dakota-1960s-1994
- Raymond Davis and John Bahcall



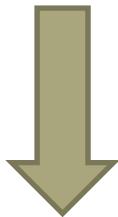
- Observed/predicted=1/3

Davis, Harmer and Hoffman, PRL (1968)

- Confirmed by Kamiokande, SAGE, GALLEX, Super-kamiokande and SNO

# Solar Neutrino Anomaly

- SM: Lepton flavor conservation



Solar neutrino anomaly

- Solution: Lepton flavor violation

# PMNS mixing matrix

$$\nu_\alpha = \sum_i U_{\alpha i} \nu_i$$

$U_{\alpha i}$  is a unitary matrix.

$$\sum_i U_{\alpha i} U_{\beta i}^* = \delta_{\alpha \beta} \quad \sum_\alpha U_{\alpha i} U_{\alpha j}^* = \delta_{ij}$$

# Propagation in matter

$$i \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} |\nu_e\rangle \\ |\nu_a\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{H} \begin{pmatrix} |\nu_e\rangle \\ |\nu_a\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

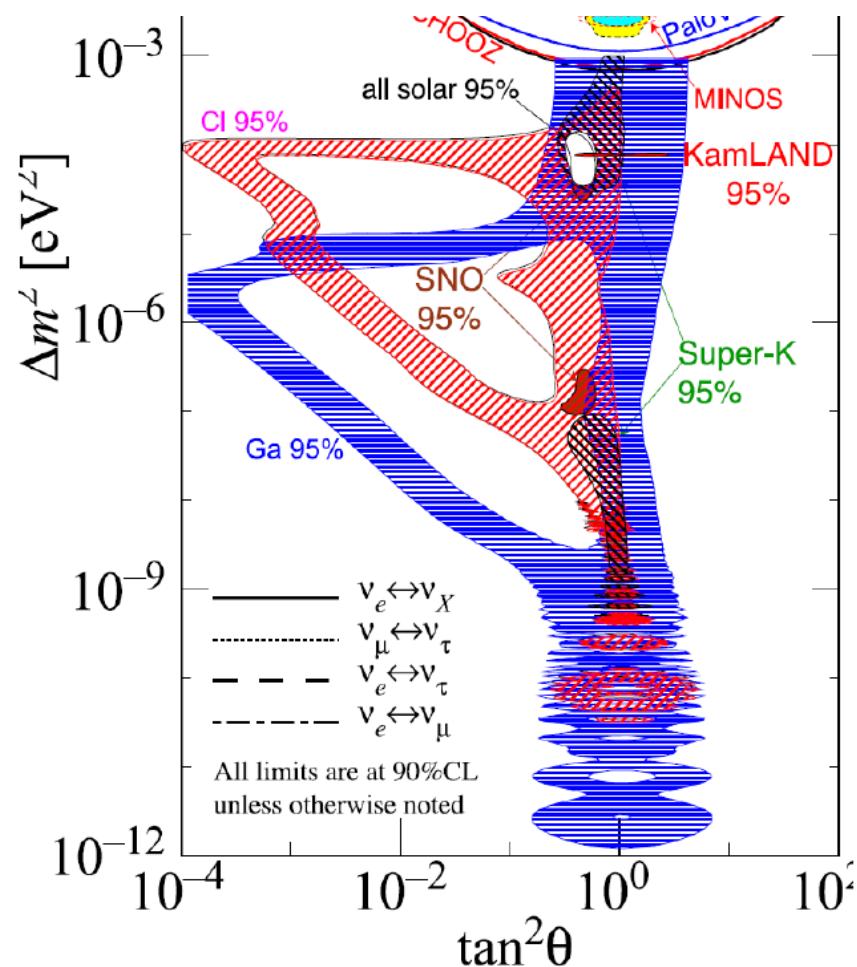
$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{2E} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} V_e & 0 \\ 0 & V_a \end{pmatrix}$$



$$V_e = \sqrt{2}G_F(n_e - n_n/2) \quad V_a = -G_F n_n / \sqrt{2}$$

# KamLAND massacre!

Magnetic transition  
moment solution



# LMA-solution

$$\theta_{12} = (33.57_{0.675}^{+0.77})^\circ \quad \Delta m_{21}^2 = 7.45_{-0.16}^{+0.19} \text{ eV}^2$$

- Gonzalez-Garcia et al., JHEP 12 (2012) 123

**NuFIT 1.2 (2013)**

	Free Fluxes + RSBL		Huber Fluxes, no RSBL	
	bfp $\pm 1\sigma$	$3\sigma$ range	bfp $\pm 1\sigma$	$3\sigma$ range
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$0.306^{+0.012}_{-0.012}$	$0.271 \rightarrow 0.346$	$0.313^{+0.013}_{-0.012}$	$0.277 \rightarrow 0.355$
$\theta_{12}/^\circ$	$33.57^{+0.77}_{-0.75}$	$31.37 \rightarrow 36.01$	$34.02^{+0.79}_{-0.76}$	$31.78 \rightarrow 36.55$
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$0.446^{+0.008}_{-0.008} \oplus 0.593^{+0.027}_{-0.043}$	$0.366 \rightarrow 0.663$	$0.444^{+0.037}_{-0.031} \oplus 0.592^{+0.028}_{-0.042}$	$0.361 \rightarrow 0.665$
$\theta_{23}/^\circ$	$41.9^{+0.5}_{-0.4} \oplus 50.3^{+1.6}_{-2.5}$	$37.2 \rightarrow 54.5$	$41.8^{+2.1}_{-1.8} \oplus 50.3^{+1.6}_{-2.5}$	$36.9 \rightarrow 54.6$
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$0.0231^{+0.0019}_{-0.0019}$	$0.0173 \rightarrow 0.0288$	$0.0244^{+0.0019}_{-0.0019}$	$0.0187 \rightarrow 0.0303$
$\theta_{13}/^\circ$	$8.73^{+0.35}_{-0.36}$	$7.56 \rightarrow 9.77$	$9.00^{+0.35}_{-0.36}$	$7.85 \rightarrow 10.02$
$\delta_{\text{CP}}/^\circ$	$266^{+55}_{-63}$	$0 \rightarrow 360$	$270^{+77}_{-67}$	$0 \rightarrow 360$
$\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2}$	$7.45^{+0.19}_{-0.16}$	$6.98 \rightarrow 8.05$	$7.50^{+0.18}_{-0.17}$	$7.03 \rightarrow 8.08$
$\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2}{10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2}$ (N)	$+2.417^{+0.014}_{-0.014}$	$+2.247 \rightarrow +2.623$	$+2.429^{+0.055}_{-0.054}$	$+2.249 \rightarrow +2.639$
$\frac{\Delta m_{32}^2}{10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2}$ (I)	$-2.411^{+0.062}_{-0.062}$	$-2.602 \rightarrow -2.226$	$-2.422^{+0.063}_{-0.061}$	$-2.614 \rightarrow -2.235$

<http://www.nu-fit.org>

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# MSW effect

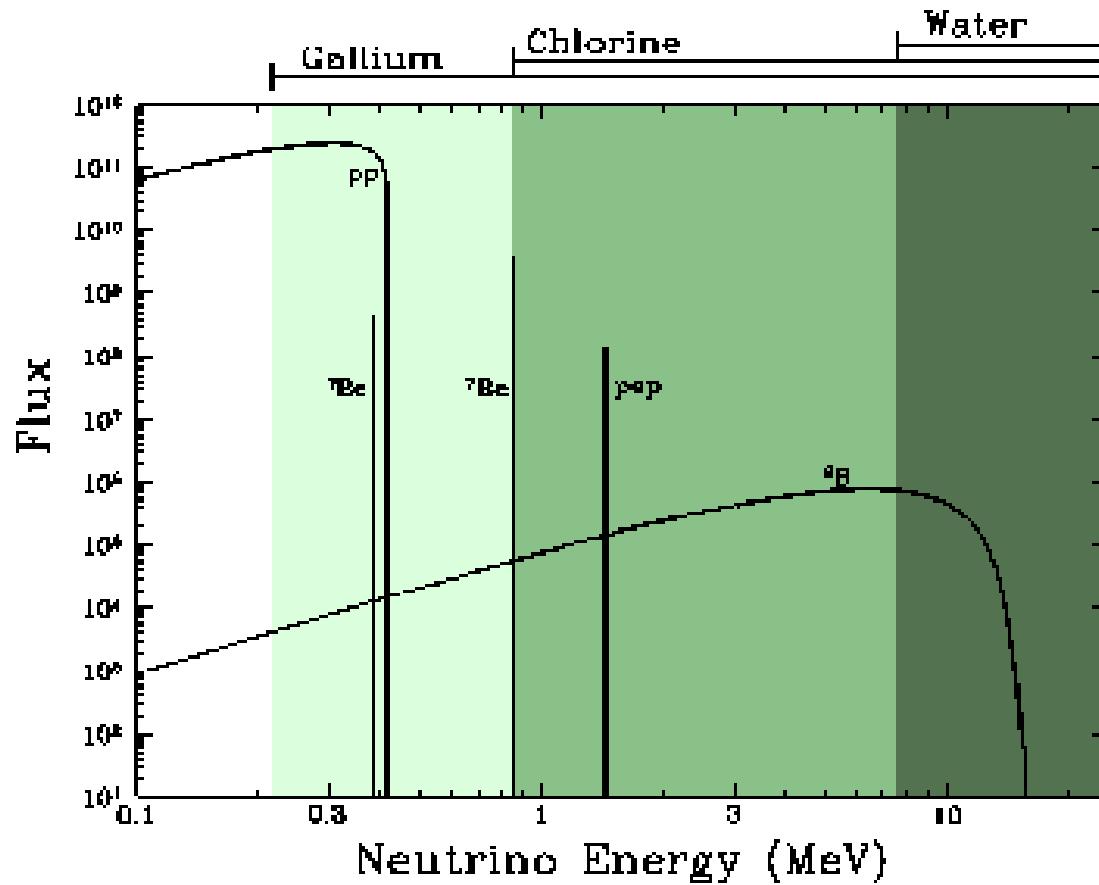
- Mikheyev Smirnov Wolfenstein effect

$$E \rightarrow 0 : \quad \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{2E} \gg V_e - V_a \quad \text{vacuum oscillation limit}$$

$$E \rightarrow \infty : \quad \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{2E} \ll V_e - V_a \quad \text{matter effects limit}$$

For solar neutrinos transition takes place in 0.5-7 MeV.

# Detection thresholds



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# Does the Low energy solar data fit the MSW prediction?

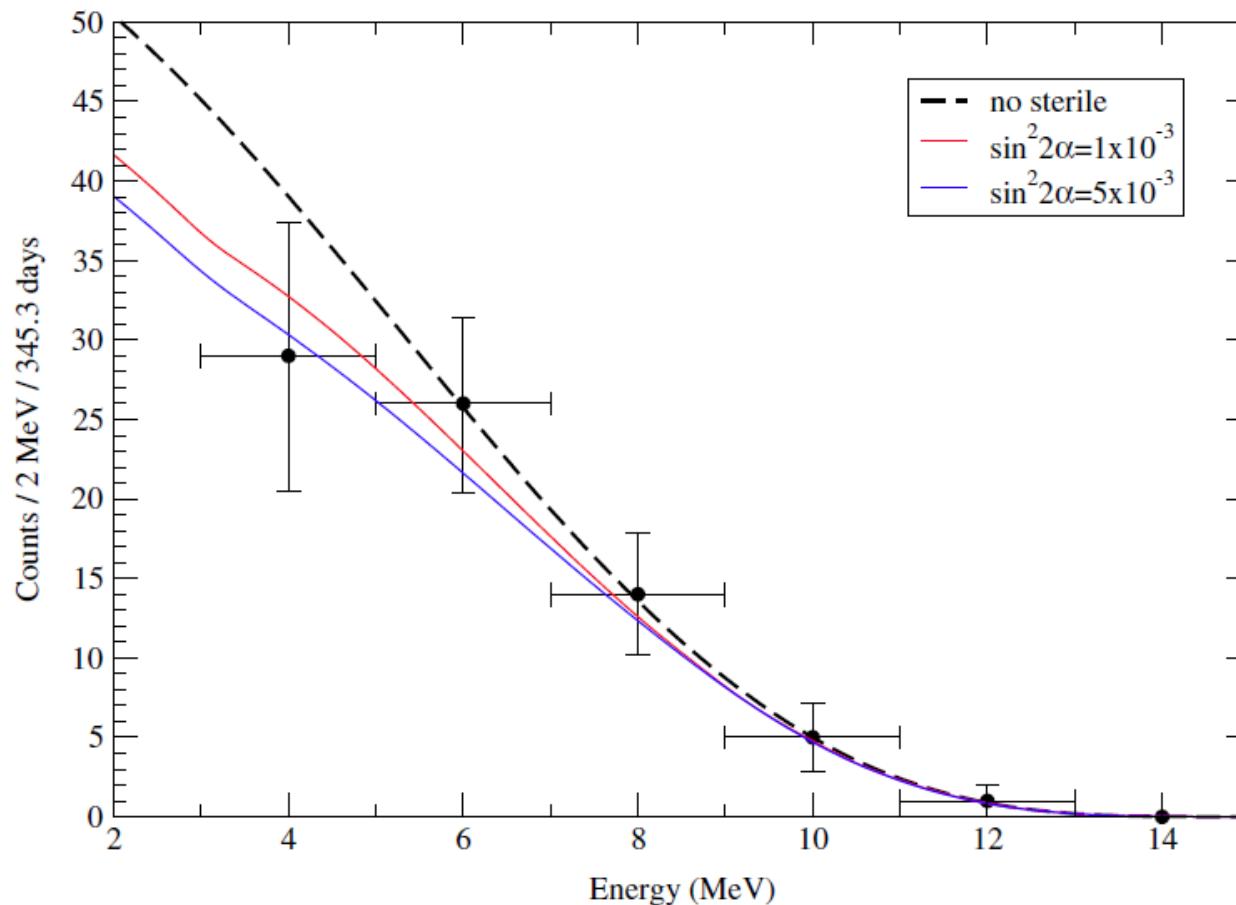
- Be line measured by Borexino is in complete agreement.
- But there is about 1-2 sigma deviation in data found by Homestake, Borexino (Boron spectrum), SNO-LETA, Super-Kamiokande I and III.

(For a review *see*, de Holanda and Smirnov, PRD83 (2011) 113011)

Boron Spectrum prediction has a 15 % uncertainty.

# Absence of low energy upturn of the spectrum

PHYSICAL REVIEW D 83, 113011 (2011)



${}^8\text{B}$ -neutrinos at Borexino

# REDUCING UPTURN

- Superlight Sterile Neutrinos Scenario (**SSNS**):  
De Holanda and Smirnov, PRD 83 (2011) 113611; PRD69 (2004)  
113002.
- Non-standard interaction:  
Miranda et al, JHEP 0610 (2006) 008; PRD 80 (2009) 105009.

# SSNS

- Superlight sterile neutrinos Scenario (**SSNS**):
- Not to be confused with warm dark matter candidate or 1 eV sterile neutrino of LSND and MiniBooNE
- De Holanda and Smirnov, PRD 83 (2011) 113611:

$$\Delta m_{01}^2 = (0.7 - 2) \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 \quad \sin^2 2\alpha \sim 10^{-3}$$

# SSNS formalism

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_s \\ \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = U \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \nu_0 \\ \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad U \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & U_{PMNS} \end{pmatrix} \cdot U_S$$

$$U_S = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha e^{i\delta_1} & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \alpha e^{-i\delta_1} & \cos \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \cos \gamma & 0 & \sin \gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \gamma & 0 & \cos \gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta & 0 & 0 & \sin \beta e^{i\delta_2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \beta e^{-i\delta_2} & 0 & 0 & \cos \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

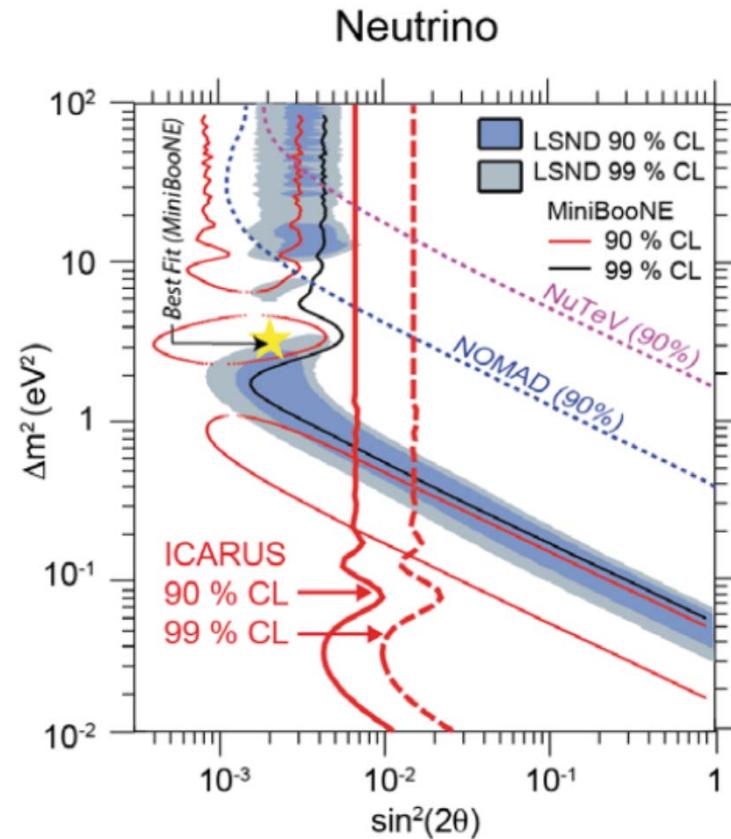
Atmospheric neutrinos for  $\Delta m_{01}^2 \sim 10^{-5}$  eV<sup>2</sup> :  $\sin^2 \beta < 0.2$ .

# Minos bound

$$\sin^2 \beta \leq 0.2, \quad (90\% \text{ C.L.}).$$

Adomson et al, PRD81 (210) 82004  
arXiv:1104.3922

# Icarus



A better bound from eletron neutrino  
appearance at ICARUS, Eur. Phys. J. C73 (2013) 0  
2599  
arXiv:1307.3922

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KamLAND and Solar data by 2005 for  $\Delta m_{01}^2 \sim 10^{-5}$  eV<sup>2</sup> :

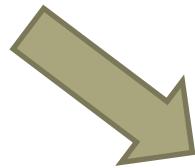
$$\sin^2 \alpha < 0.1$$

Cirelli et al, Nucl Phys B708 (2005) 215

# Extra relativistic degrees of freedom

$$\Delta N_{eff} \ll 1$$

- Mirizzi et al, PLB726 (2013) 8-14



$$\left| \sin^2 \alpha, \sin^2 \beta, \sin^2 \gamma < \text{few} \times 10^{-2} \right|$$

- However, ....

Wyman et al, arXiv:1307.7715, Archidiacono et al, arXiv:1307.0637

# Effect on solar data

- For  $\Delta m_{01}^2 = (0.7 - 2) \times 10^{-5}$  eV<sup>2</sup>     $\sin^2 2\alpha \sim 10^{-3}$
- Electron neutrino to sterile neutrino conversion
- Dip in survival probability for E=0.5-7 MeV
- Suppression of upturn at lower range energies

# Testing SSN

- KamLAND solar, SNO+, ... (De Holanda and Smirnov, PRD 83 (2011) 113611).
- Can we test via reactor experiments?

Pouya Bakhti and Y.F., JHEP 10 (2013) 200.

# Medium Baseline reactor experiments

- DAYA BAY in CHINA
- RENO in South Korea



JUNO  
RENO-50

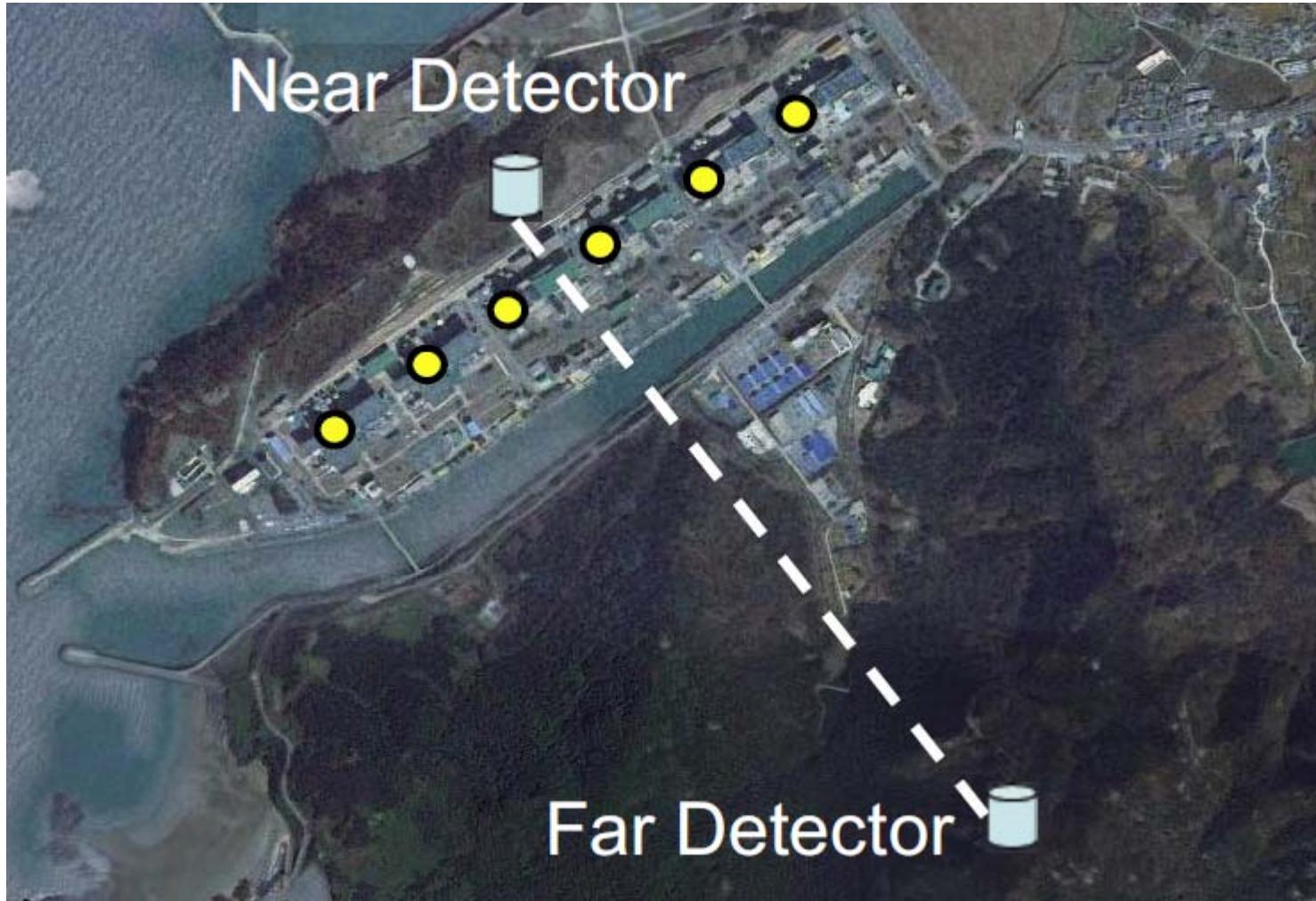
Ready for data taking in 2020.

- Baseline  $\sim$  50 km

$$\frac{\Delta m_{01}^2 L}{2E_\nu} \sim 0.4 \frac{\Delta m_{01}^2}{10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2} \frac{L}{50 \text{ km}} \frac{3 \text{ MeV}}{E_\nu}$$

- Main goal determination of  $\text{sgn}(\Delta m_{31}^2)$

# RENO-50 in South Korea



# Daya Bay and Juno



# Detector characteristics

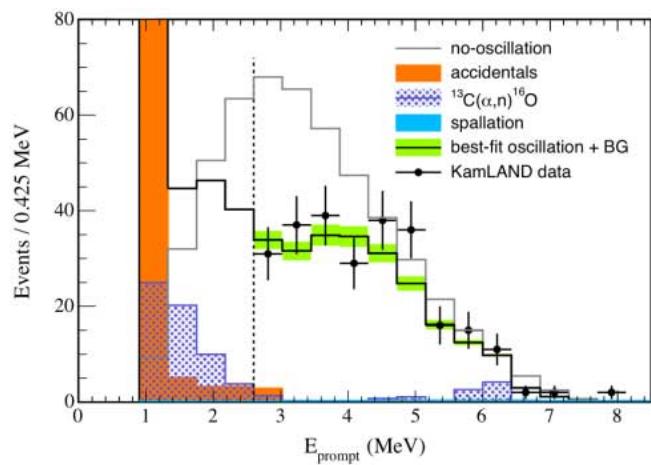
## Liquid Scintillator

- Reno-50: 18 kton, 16.4 GW
- JUNO: 20 kton, 36 GW

$$\text{Energy resolution} \sim 3\% \sqrt{\frac{E_\nu}{\text{MeV}}}$$

- 62 energy bins between 1.8-8MeV

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# Oscillation in SSNS

- For reactor neutrinos

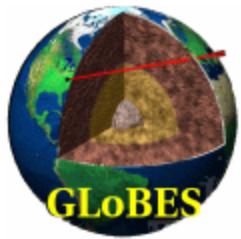
$$V_{eff} \sim G_F n_e \sim G_F n_n \ll \Delta m_{01}^2 / E_\nu < \Delta m_{21}^2 / E_\nu \ll |\Delta m_{31}^2 / E_\nu|.$$

$$P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) = |M_0 e^{i\Delta_0} + M_1 e^{i\Delta_1} + M_2 e^{i\Delta_2} + M_3 e^{i\Delta_3}|^2$$

$$\Delta_i = m_i^2 L / 2E_\nu$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_0 &= |\cos \beta (-e^{-i\delta_1} \cos \gamma \cos \theta_{12} \cos \theta_{13} \sin \alpha - \cos \theta_{13} \sin \gamma \sin \theta_{12}) - e^{-i(\delta_D + \delta_2)} \sin \beta \sin \theta_{13}|^2, \\ M_1 &= |\cos \alpha \cos \theta_{12} \cos \theta_{13}|^2 \\ M_2 &= |-e^{-i\delta_1} \cos \theta_{12} \cos \theta_{13} \sin \alpha \sin \gamma + \cos \gamma \cos \theta_{13} \sin \theta_{12}|^2 \\ M_3 &= |\sin \beta (-e^{-i\delta_1} \cos \gamma \cos \theta_{12} \cos \theta_{13} \sin \alpha - \cos \theta_{13} \sin \gamma \sin \theta_{12}) + e^{-i(\delta_D + \delta_2)} \cos \beta \sin \theta_{13}|^2. \end{aligned}$$

# GloBES



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<http://www.mpi-hd.mpg.de/personalhomes/globes/index.html>

Huber, Lindner and Winter, **Comput.Phys.Commun. 167 (2005) 195**

Huber et al, **Comput.Phys.Commun. 177 (2007) 432-438**

# Backgrounds

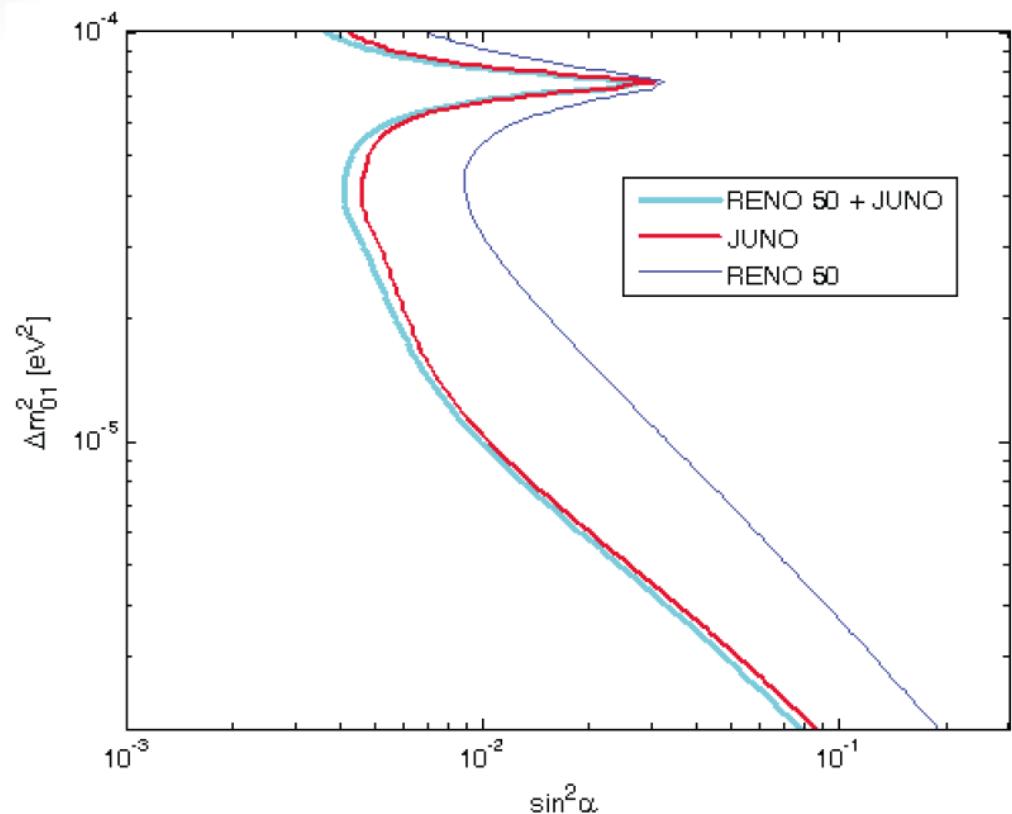
- (i) accidental background;
- (ii)  $^{13}C(\alpha, n)^{16}O$  background
- (iii) Geoneutrino background.

- Kettell et al, arXiv:1307.7419; Ciuffoli et al., arXiv:1302.0624.

# Uncertainties

- We use **pull-method** to treat uncertainties in neutrino parameters and flux.
- 3 % flux uncertainty for JUNO
- 0.3 % flux uncertainty for RENO-50
- Gonzalez-Garcia et al, JHEP 12 (2012) 123 ([nu-fit.org](http://nu-fit.org))

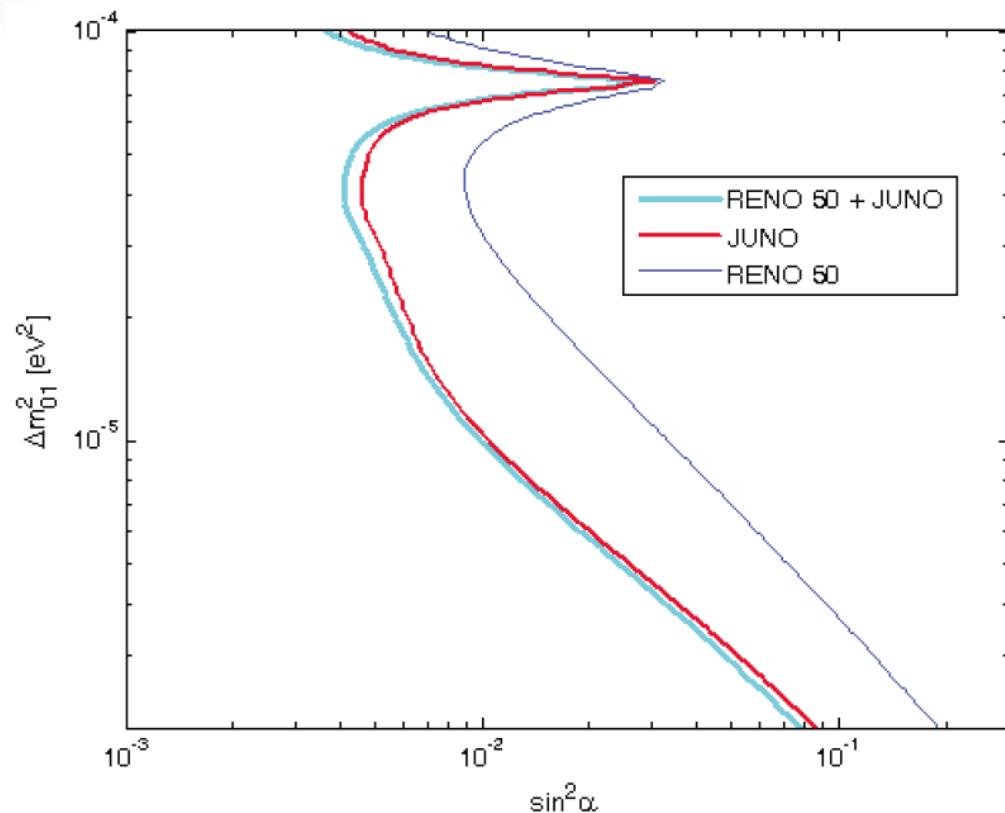
$$\theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \Delta m_{31}^2, \Delta m_{21}^2$$



$$\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 0$$

The 95% C.L. upper bound on  $\sin^2 \alpha$  versus  $\Delta m_{01}^2$ .

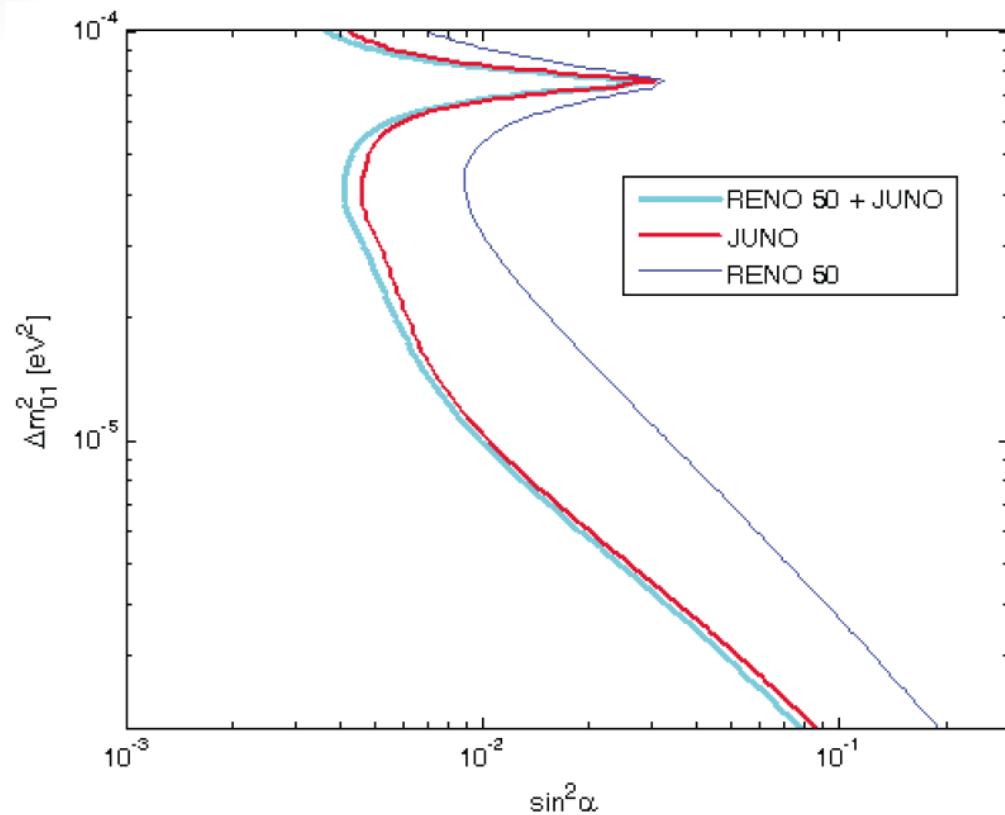
- Five years of data taking



*Case I,  $\sin \beta = \sin \gamma = 0$  and  $\alpha \neq 0$ :*

$$P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) = \left| \cos^2 \theta_{13} \cos^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 \alpha e^{i\Delta_0} + \cos^2 \alpha \cos^2 \theta_{13} \cos^2 \theta_{12} e^{i\Delta_1} + \cos^2 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{12} e^{i\Delta_2} + \sin^2 \theta_{13} e^{i\Delta_3} \right|^2$$

As expected in the  $\Delta m_{01}^2 \rightarrow 0$  limit, the sensitivity to  $\alpha$  is lost.



$$\Delta_0 \rightarrow \Delta_2,$$

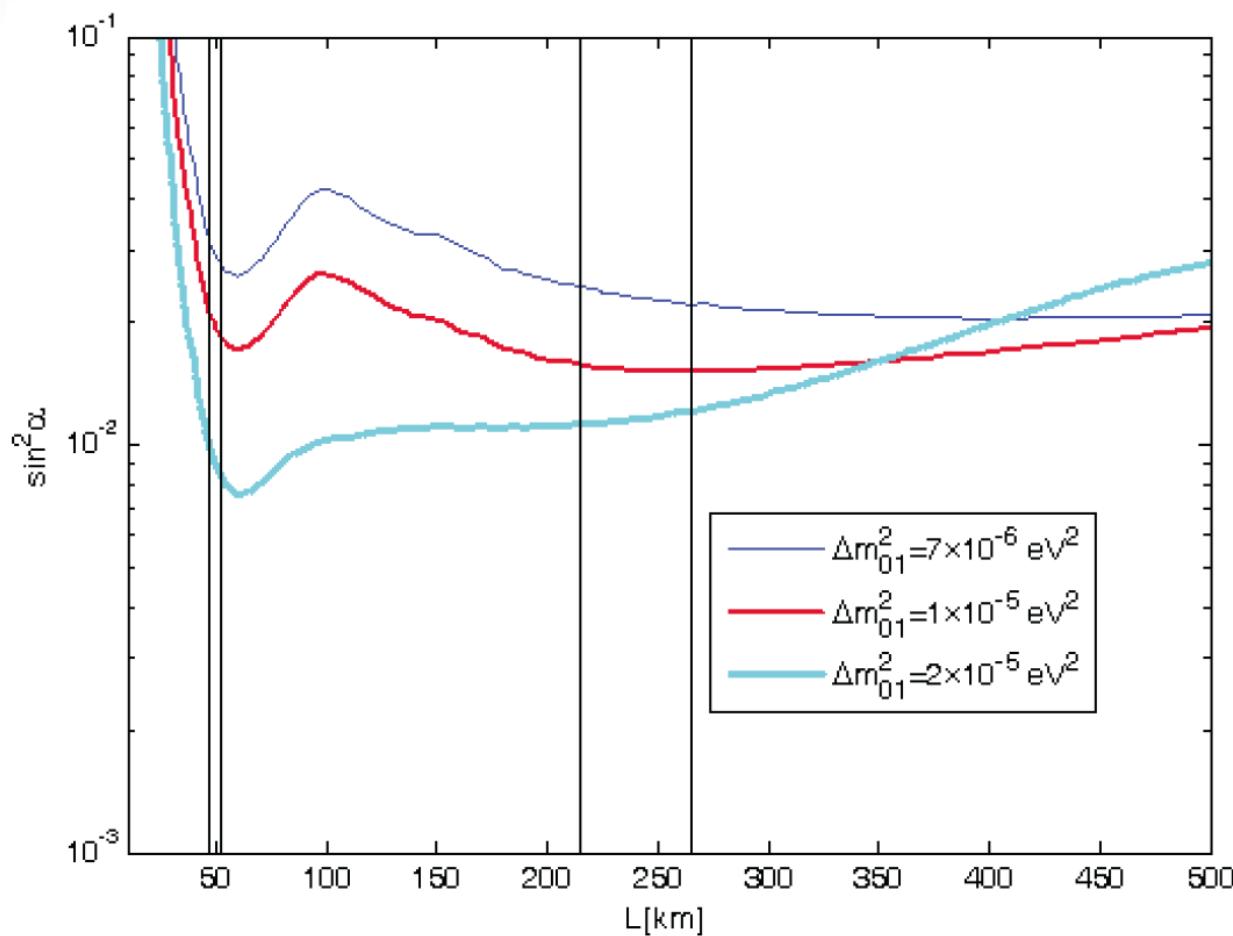


$$\boxed{\Delta m_{01}^2 \rightarrow \Delta m_{21}^2}$$

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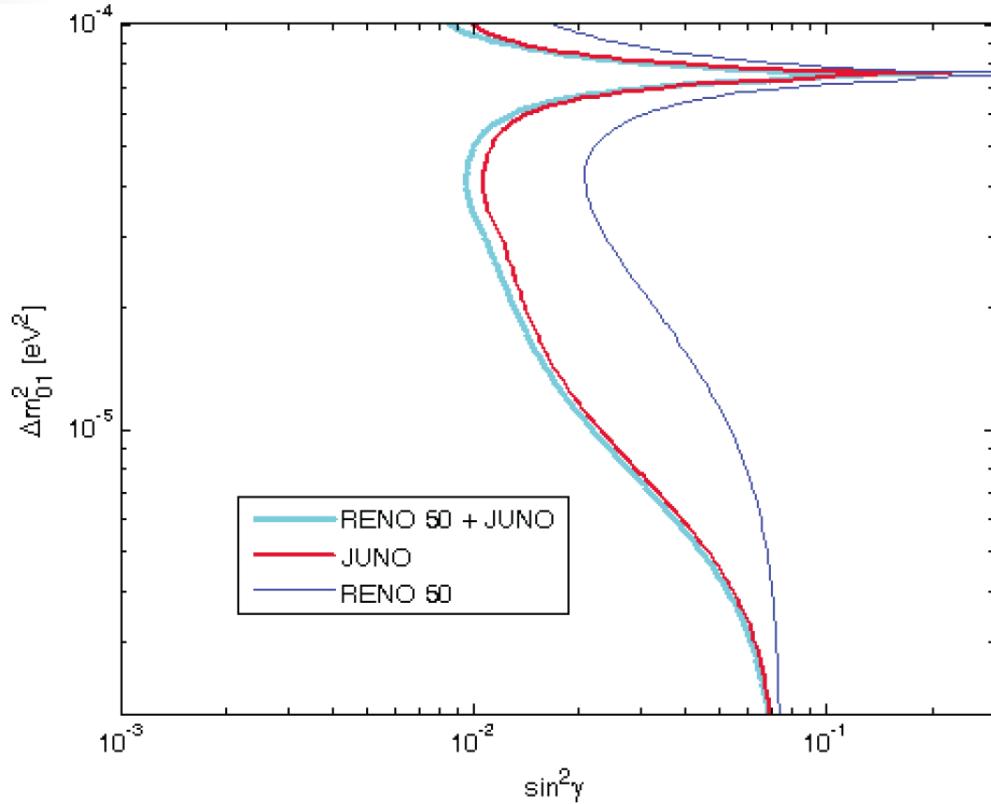
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- Uncertainty in  $\theta_{12}$ :  $\sin^2 \alpha < \delta \sin^2 \theta_{12} / \cos^2 \theta_{12}$ .

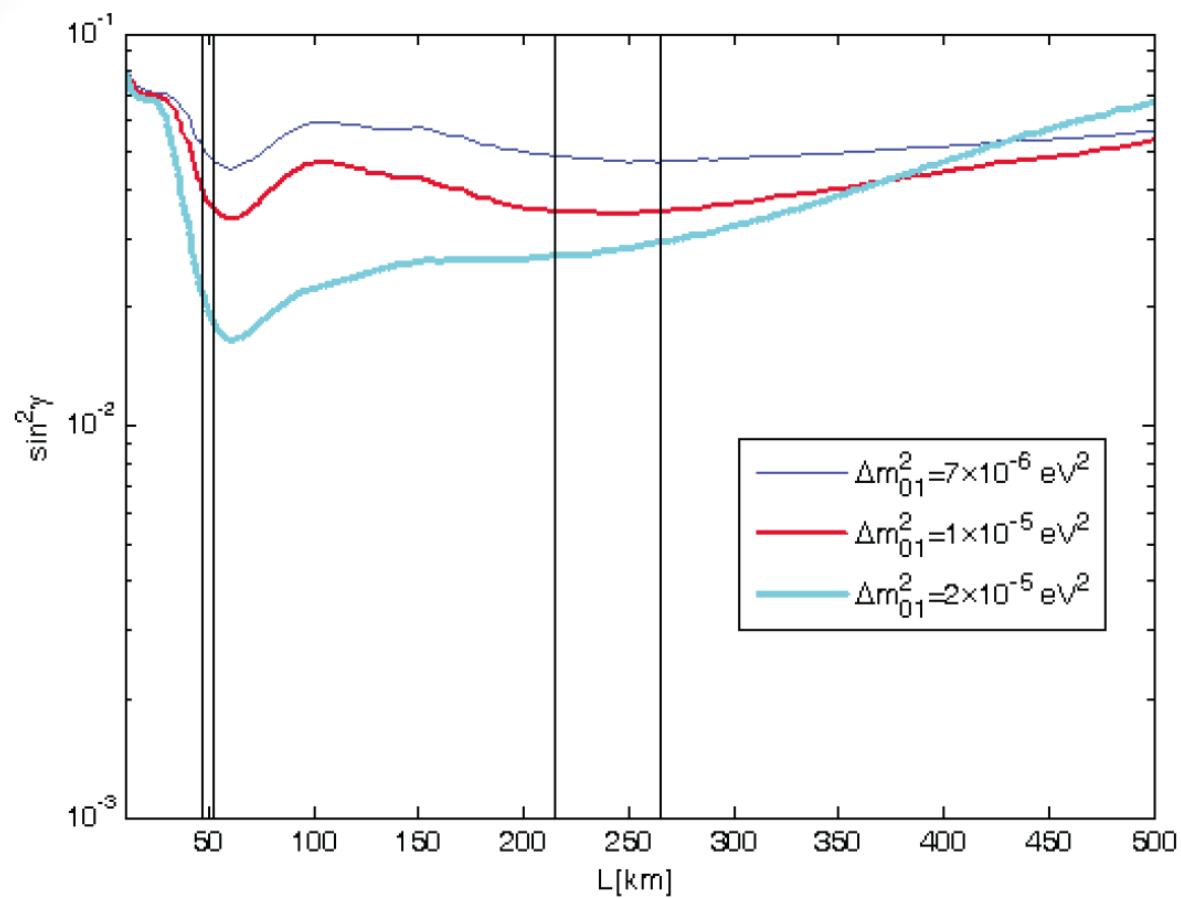


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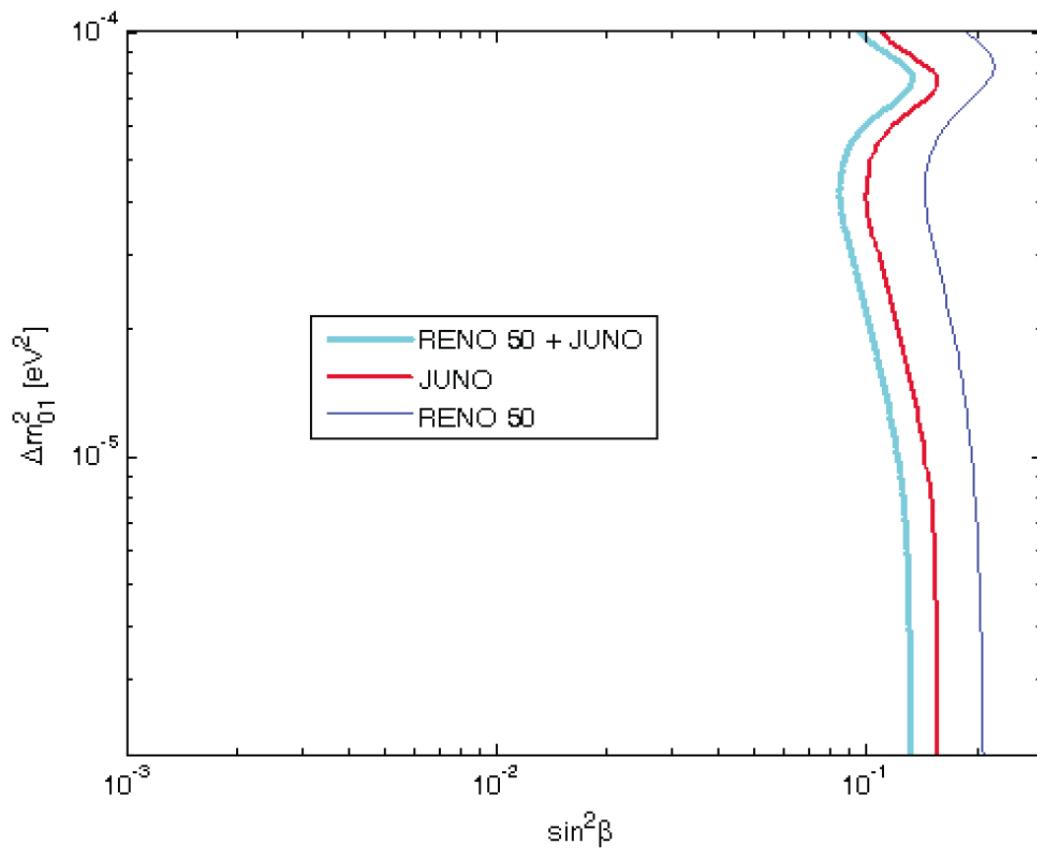
Five years of data taking with a 20 kton detector and 36 GW reactor source



$$P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) = \left| \cos^2 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 \gamma e^{i\Delta_0} + \cos^2 \theta_{13} \cos^2 \theta_{12} e^{i\Delta_1} + \cos^2 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{12} \cos^2 \gamma e^{i\Delta_2} + \sin^2 \theta_{13} e^{i\Delta_3} \right|^2$$



The 95% C.L. upper bound on  $\sin^2 \gamma$  versus the baseline.



*Case III,  $\sin \alpha = \sin \gamma = 0$  and  $\beta \neq 0$ :* In this limit,

$$P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) = |\sin^2 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \beta e^{i\Delta_0} + \cos^2 \theta_{13} \cos^2 \theta_{12} e^{i\Delta_1} + \cos^2 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{12} e^{i\Delta_2} + \sin^2 \theta_{13} \cos^2 \beta e^{i\Delta_3}|^2$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{13} \ll 1$$

# SSNS

- Superlight sterile neutrinos Scenario (**SSNS**):
- De Holanda and Smirnov, PRD 83 (2011) 113611.
- Parameter range to cure upturn of low energy solar neutrinos:

$$\Delta m_{01}^2 = (0.7 - 2) \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 \quad \sin^2 2\alpha \sim 10^{-3}$$

To probe such small values of mixing about **20 years** of data taking is required.

# How to improve

- The results are not too sensitive to background, energy resolution, normalization uncertainty of flux and etc
- Accumulation of flux from various reactors are useful
- Main limitation: statistics
- Going to Bigger detector and longer data collecting time smaller values of mixing can be probed.

# Conclusion

- The medium baseline reactor experiments can (in principle) probe SSNS

# Non-standard Interaction

- Within SM, neutral current interaction are flavor-diagonal and universal.
- But, going to beyond SM

$$\mathcal{L}_{NSI} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fP} (\bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma^\mu L \nu_\beta) (\bar{f} \gamma_\mu P f)$$

Examples: Grand unification, various seesaw models, extra U(1), left-right symmetric model, etc

T.Ohlsson, Rept. Prog. Phys 76 (2013) 044201

# NSI

$$\mathcal{L}_{NSI} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fP} (\bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma^\mu L \nu_\beta) (\bar{f} \gamma_\mu P f)$$

$f$  is the matter field ( $u$ ,  $d$  or  $e$ ).

$P$  is the chirality projection matrix.

$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fP}$  is a dimensionless matrix

# Relevant for neutrino oscillation

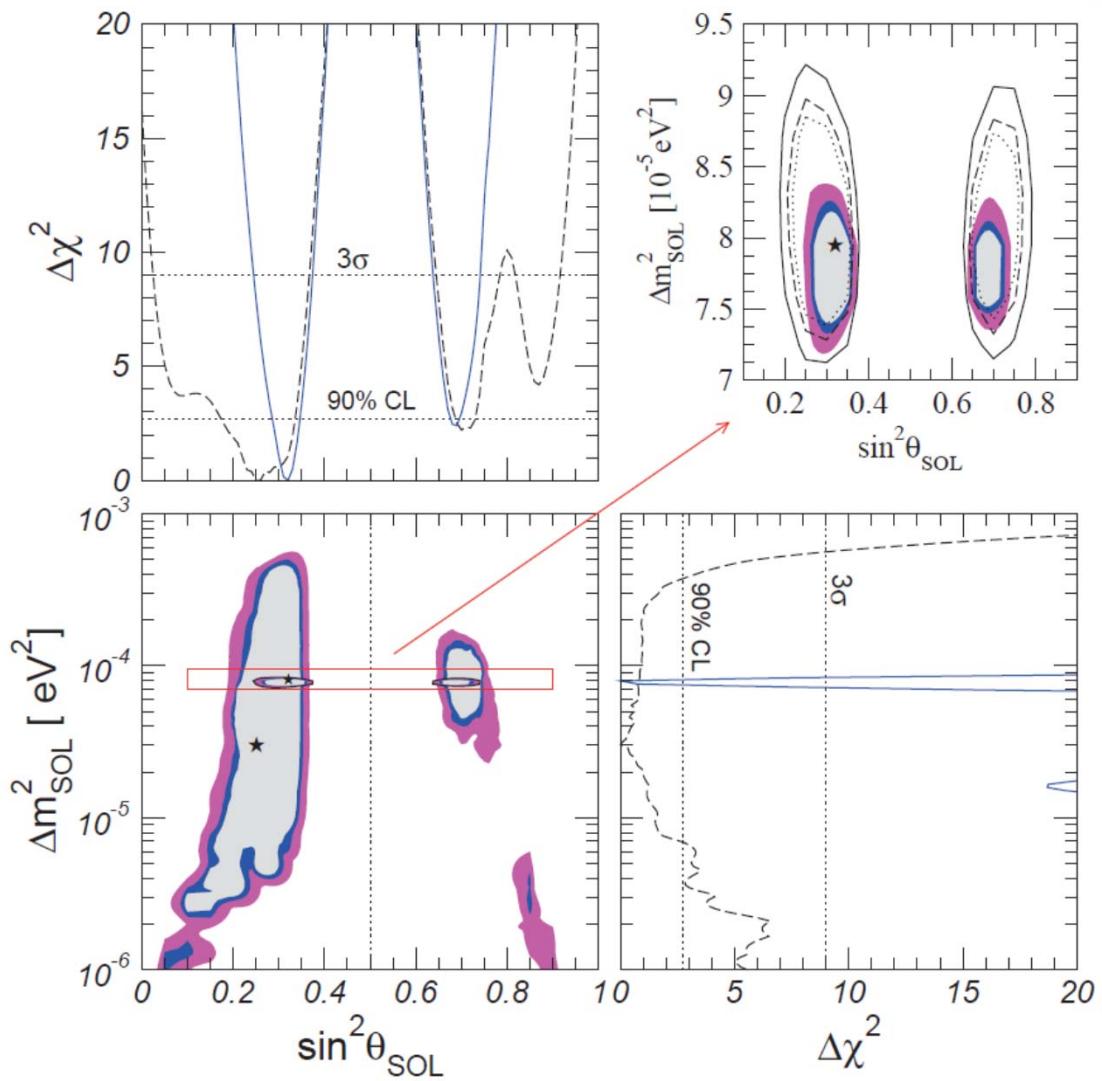
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$$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^f \equiv \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fL} + \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fR}.$$

# LMA-Dark solution

- For  $|\epsilon_{ee}^f - \epsilon_{\mu\mu}^f|, |\epsilon_{ee}^f - \epsilon_{\tau\tau}^f| \neq 0$
- Another solution with  $\cos(2\theta_{12}) < 0$

O. G. Miranda, M. A. Tortola and J. W. F. Valle, JHEP **0610** (2006) 008 [hep-ph/0406280]; O. G. Miranda, M. A. Tortola and J. W. F. Valle, AIP Conf. Proc. **917** (2007) 100; F. J. Escrivuela, O. G. Miranda, M. A. Tortola and J. W. F. Valle, Phys. Rev. D **80** (2009) 105009 [Erratum-ibid. D **80** (2009) 129908] [arXiv:0907.2630 [hep-ph]]; *see also*, A. Friedland and I. M. Shoemaker, arXiv:1207.6642 [hep-ph].



- Miranda et al., JHEP 0610 (2006) 008

# Has LMA-dark solution survives?

- Solution survives the test of all the neutrino

Gonzalez-Garcia and Maltoni, JHEP 1309 (2013) 152

3 sigma range

Standard Matter Potential

$$\sin^2 \theta_{12} \in [0.27, 0.35],$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{23} \in [0.36, 0.67],$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{13} \in [0.016, 0.030],$$

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 \in [6.87, 8.03] \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2,$$

$$|\Delta m_{31}^2| \in [2.20, 2.58] \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2,$$

Generalized Matter Potential

$$\sin^2 \theta_{12} \in [0.26, 0.35] \oplus [0.65, 0.75],$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{23} \in [0.34, 0.67],$$

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		90% CL		3 $\sigma$	
Param.	best-fit	LMA	LMA $\oplus$ LMA-D	LMA	LMA $\oplus$ LMA-D
$\varepsilon_{ee}^u - \varepsilon_{\mu\mu}^u$	+0.298	[+0.00, +0.51]	$\oplus$ [-1.19, -0.81]	[-0.09, +0.71]	$\oplus$ [-1.40, -0.68]
$\varepsilon_{\tau\tau}^u - \varepsilon_{\mu\mu}^u$	+0.001	[-0.01, +0.03]	[-0.03, +0.03]	[-0.03, +0.20]	[-0.19, +0.20]
$\varepsilon_{e\mu}^u$	-0.021	[-0.09, +0.04]	[-0.09, +0.10]	[-0.16, +0.11]	[-0.16, +0.17]
$\varepsilon_{e\tau}^u$	+0.021	[-0.14, +0.14]	[-0.15, +0.14]	[-0.40, +0.30]	[-0.40, +0.40]
$\varepsilon_{\mu\tau}^u$	-0.001	[-0.01, +0.01]	[-0.01, +0.01]	[-0.03, +0.03]	[-0.03, +0.03]
$\varepsilon_D^u$	-0.140	[-0.24, -0.01]	$\oplus$ [+0.40, +0.58]	[-0.34, +0.04]	$\oplus$ [+0.34, +0.67]
$\varepsilon_N^u$	-0.030	[-0.14, +0.13]	[-0.15, +0.13]	[-0.29, +0.21]	[-0.29, +0.21]
$\varepsilon_{ee}^d - \varepsilon_{\mu\mu}^d$	+0.310	[+0.02, +0.51]	$\oplus$ [-1.17, -1.03]	[-0.10, +0.71]	$\oplus$ [-1.44, -0.87]
$\varepsilon_{\tau\tau}^d - \varepsilon_{\mu\mu}^d$	+0.001	[-0.01, +0.03]	[-0.01, +0.03]	[-0.03, +0.19]	[-0.16, +0.19]
$\varepsilon_{e\mu}^d$	-0.023	[-0.09, +0.04]	[-0.09, +0.08]	[-0.16, +0.11]	[-0.16, +0.17]
$\varepsilon_{e\tau}^d$	+0.023	[-0.13, +0.14]	[-0.13, +0.14]	[-0.38, +0.29]	[-0.38, +0.35]
$\varepsilon_{\mu\tau}^d$	-0.001	[-0.01, +0.01]	[-0.01, +0.01]	[-0.03, +0.03]	[-0.03, +0.03]
$\varepsilon_D^d$	-0.145	[-0.25, -0.02]	$\oplus$ [+0.49, +0.57]	[-0.34, +0.05]	$\oplus$ [+0.42, +0.70]
$\varepsilon_N^d$	-0.036	[-0.14, +0.12]	[-0.14, +0.12]	[-0.28, +0.21]	[-0.28, +0.21]

# LMA-Dark

- LMA-Dark solution fits the solar data slightly **better** as it suppresses the upturn of the spectrum at low energy

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- The bound from CHARM scattering experiment combined with NuTeV rules out a part of parameter space for LMA-Dark.

(*i.e.*,  $0.9 < |\epsilon_{ee}^d - \epsilon_{\mu\mu}^d| < 0.8$  at 90 % C.L.)

Davidson, Pena-Garay, Rius and Santamaria, JHEP 0303 (2003)  
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# Medium Baseline reactor experiments

- DAYA BAY in CHINA
- RENO in South Korea



JUNO  
RENO-50

Ready for data taking in 2020.

- Baseline  $\sim$  50 km

$$\frac{\Delta m_{01}^2 L}{2E_\nu} \sim 0.4 \frac{\Delta m_{01}^2}{10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2} \frac{L}{50 \text{ km}} \frac{3 \text{ MeV}}{E_\nu}$$

- Main goal determination of  $\text{sgn}(\Delta m_{31}^2)$

# Charged current NSI

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$$(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu P\ u)(\bar{e}\gamma_\mu L\nu_{\mu(\tau)})$$

Affects neutrino production and detection

- Neutral current NSI

$$(\bar{\nu}_\alpha\gamma^\mu L\nu_\beta)(\bar{f}\gamma_\mu P\ f)$$

Affects neutrino propagation through matter effects

# Charged current NSI at JUNO

$$|\hat{\nu}_\alpha^s\rangle = \frac{1}{N_\alpha^s} \left( |\nu_\alpha\rangle + \sum_{\beta=e,\mu,\tau} \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^s |\nu_\beta\rangle \right)$$
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Khan et al, PRD 88 (2013) 113006

Ohlsson, Zhang and Zhou, PLB 728 (2014) 148

# Neutral current NSI at reactor neutrino experiments

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 / E_\nu \gg \sqrt{2} G_F N_e$$

- Small matter effects
- Little sensitivity to neutral current NSI

# Our suggestion to test LMA-Dark

- Pouya Bakhti and Y.F., 1403.0744
- Determining  $\cos 2\theta_{12}$

# Survival probability without matter effects

$$P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) = \left| |U_{e1}|^2 + |U_{e2}|^2 e^{i\Delta_{21}} + |U_{e3}|^2 e^{i\Delta_{31}} \right|^2 = \left| c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 + s_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 e^{i\Delta_{21}} + s_{13}^2 e^{i\Delta_{31}} \right|^2 =$$

$$c_{13}^4 \left(1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta_{21}}{2}\right) + s_{13}^4 + 2s_{13}^2 c_{13}^2 [\cos \Delta_{31} (c_{12}^2 + s_{12}^2 \cos \Delta_{21}) + s_{12}^2 \sin \Delta_{31} \sin \Delta_{21}]$$

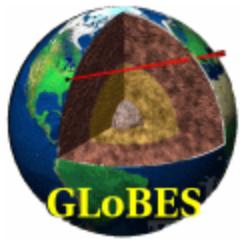
where  $\Delta_{ij} = \Delta m_{ij}^2 L / (2E_\nu)$  in which  $L$  is the baseline.

# Observation

- A reactor neutrino set-up that is sensitive to hierarchy should also distinguish between solution

with  $\theta_{12} > \pi/4$  and  $\theta_{12} < \pi/4$

# GloBES



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<http://www.mpi-hd.mpg.de/personalhomes/globes/index.html>

Huber, Lindner and Winter, **Comput.Phys.Commun. 167 (2005) 195**

Huber et al, **Comput.Phys.Commun. 177 (2007) 432-438**

# Characteristics of JUNO and RENO-50

- The same as before except that we added

background caused by  ${}^9Li$  from cosmic muon interaction

- Grassi, Evslin Giuffoli and Zhang, 1401.7796
- 10000 and 5000 fake neutrinos from Li at JUNO and RENO-50

# Energy bins

- Energy range between 1.8 to 8 MeV to 350 bins of 17.7 keV
- Good energy resolution is required

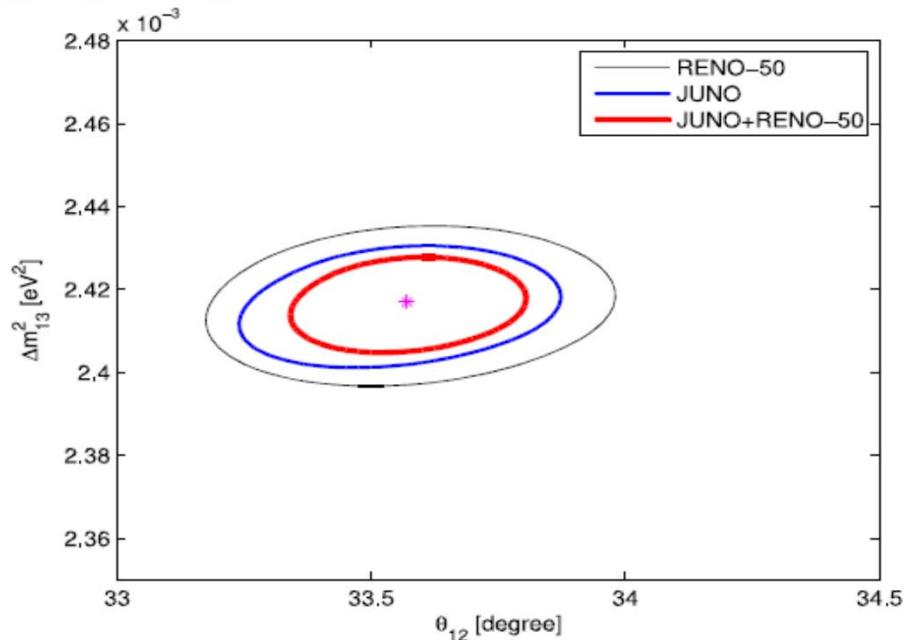
$$\frac{\delta E_\nu}{E_\nu} \simeq 3\% \times \left(\frac{E_\nu}{\text{MeV}}\right)^{1/2}.$$

# Results

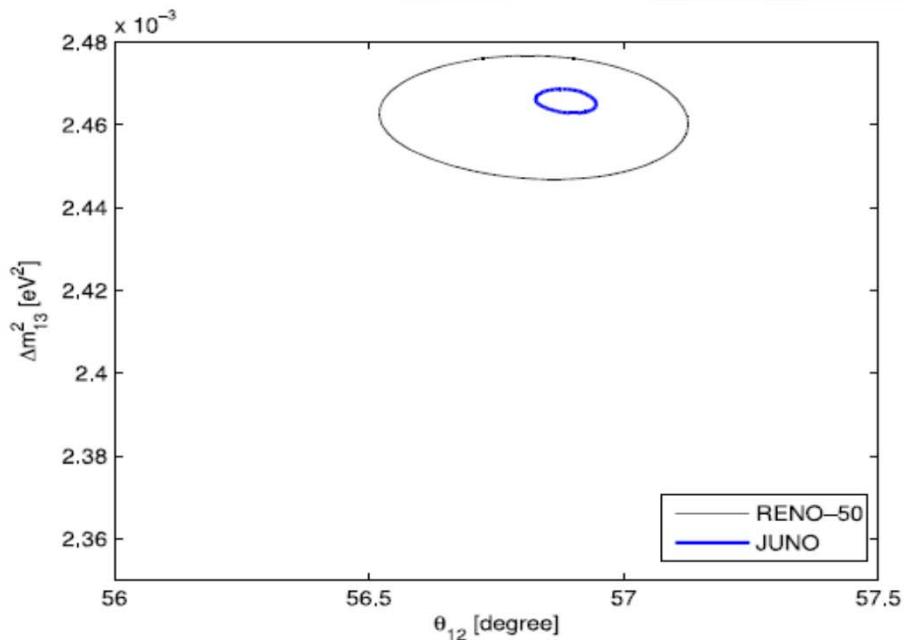
- After 5 years of data taking by JUNO and RENO-50

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 = (7.45 \pm 0.45) \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

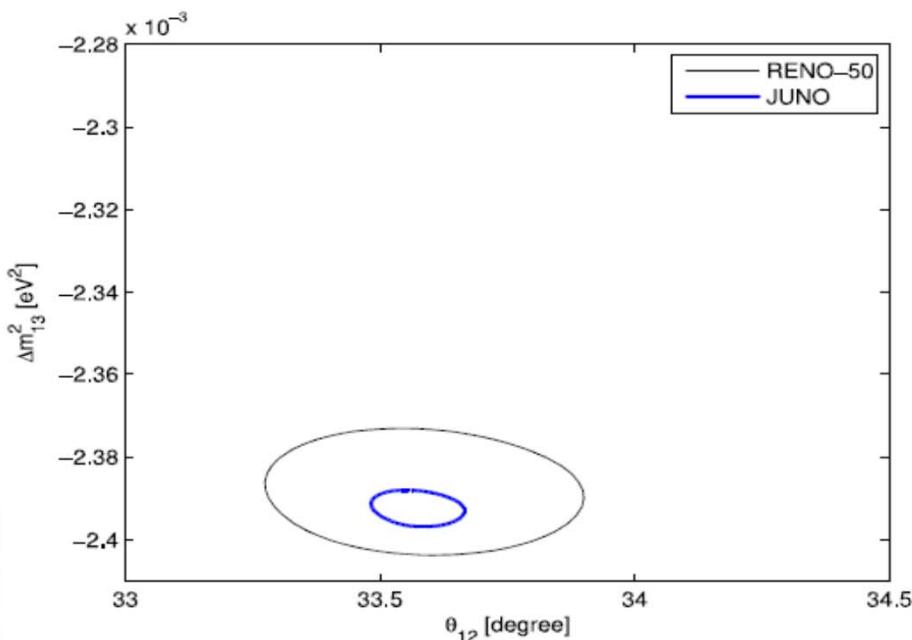
$$\theta_{13} = (8.75 \pm 0.5)^\circ$$



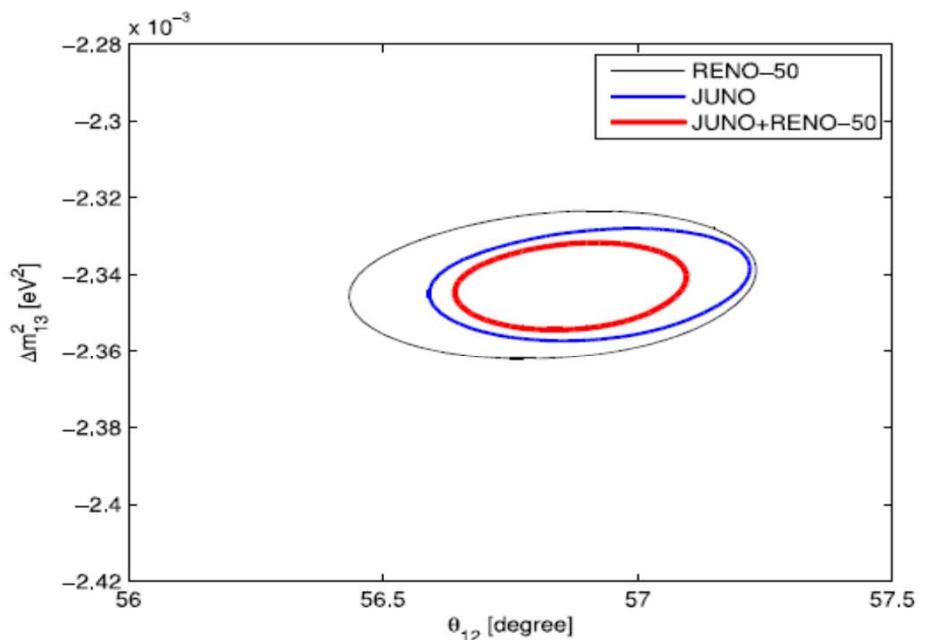
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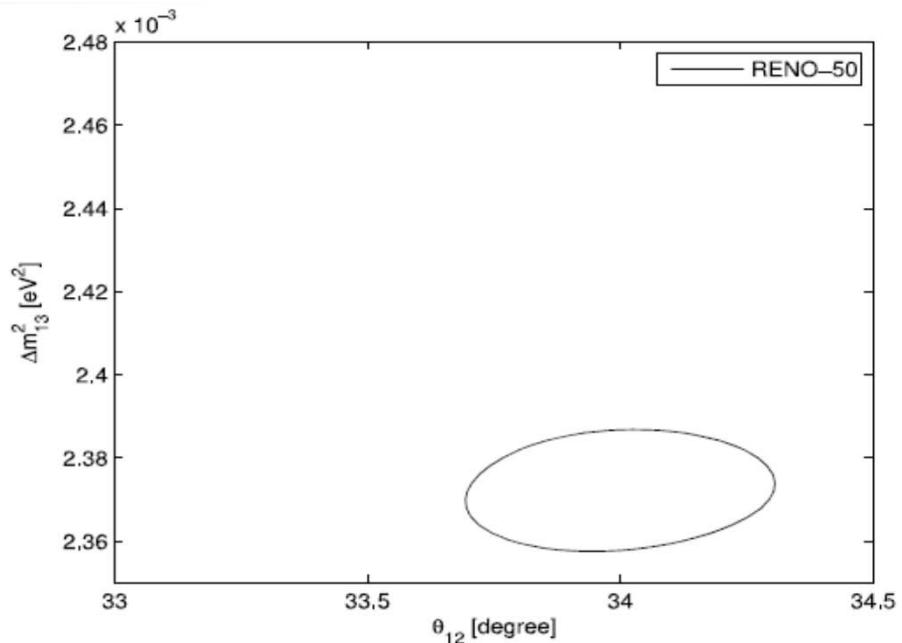
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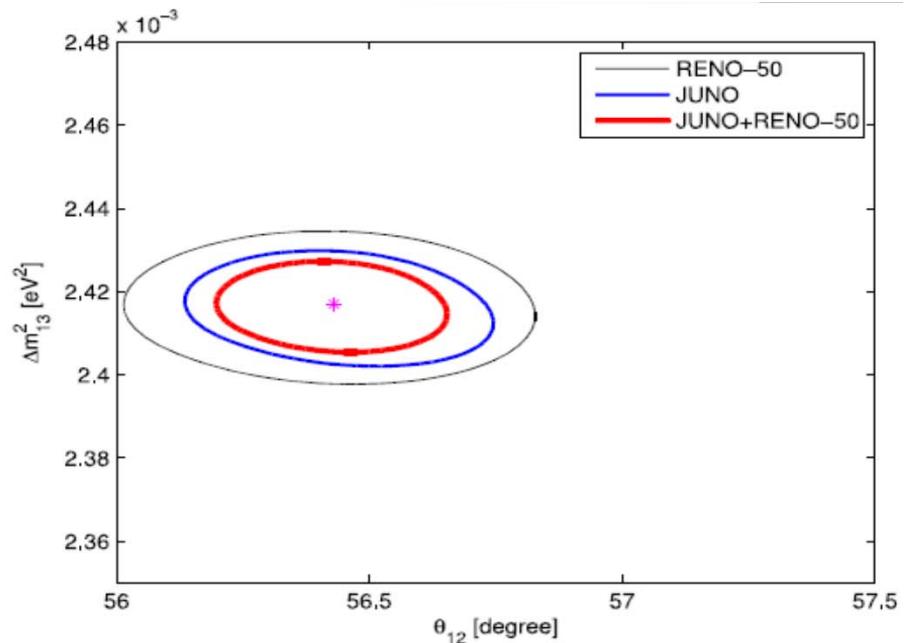
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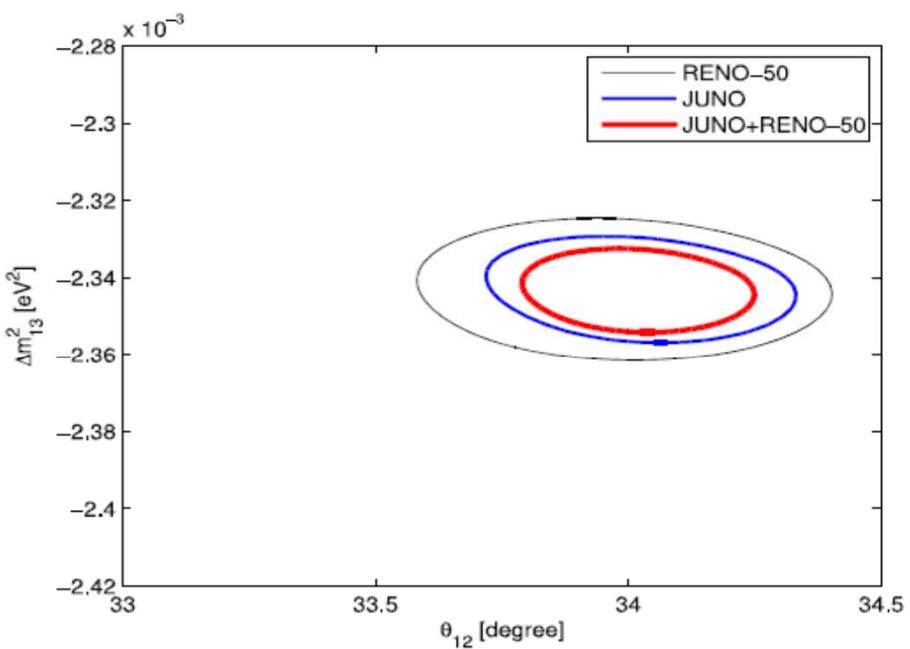
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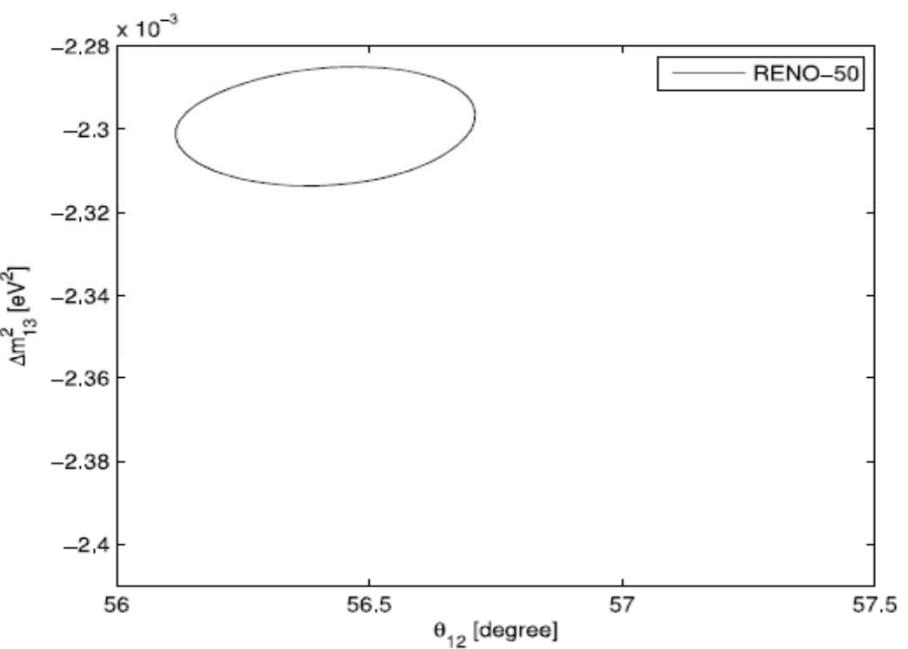
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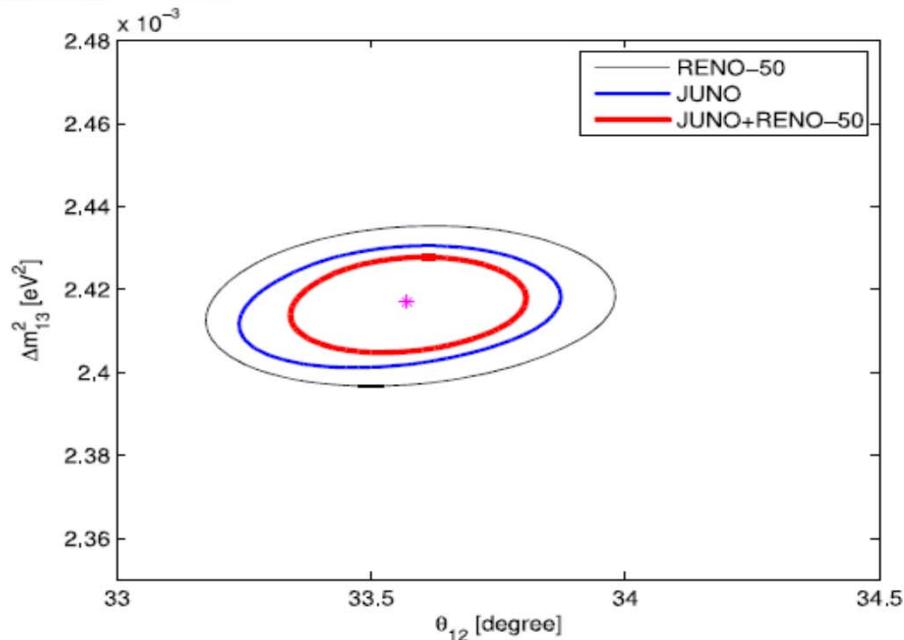
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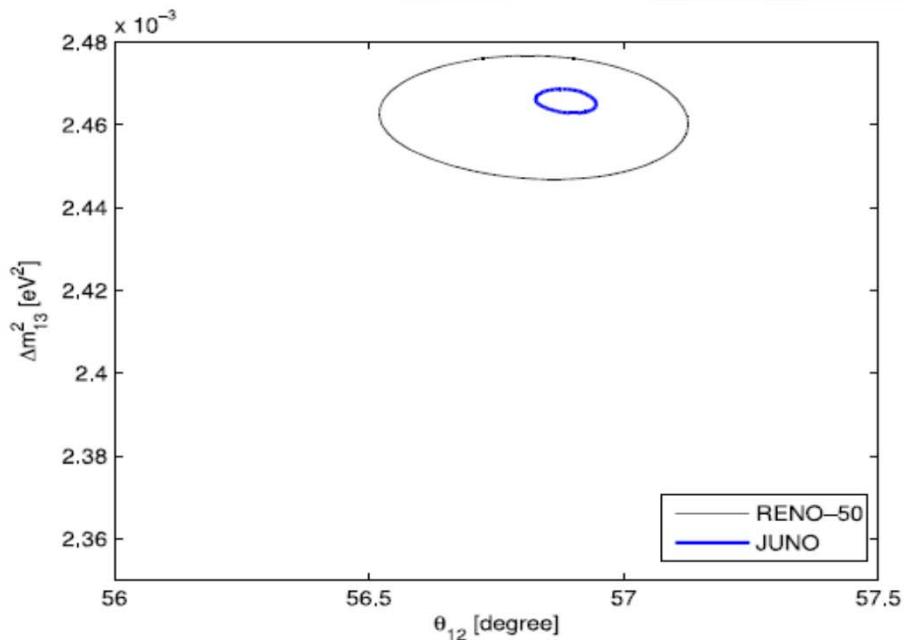
$$\left| e^{i\Delta_{21}} (s_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 + c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 e^{-i\Delta_{21}} + s_{13}^2 e^{-i\Delta_{31}}) \right|$$

- As long as we neglect matter effects

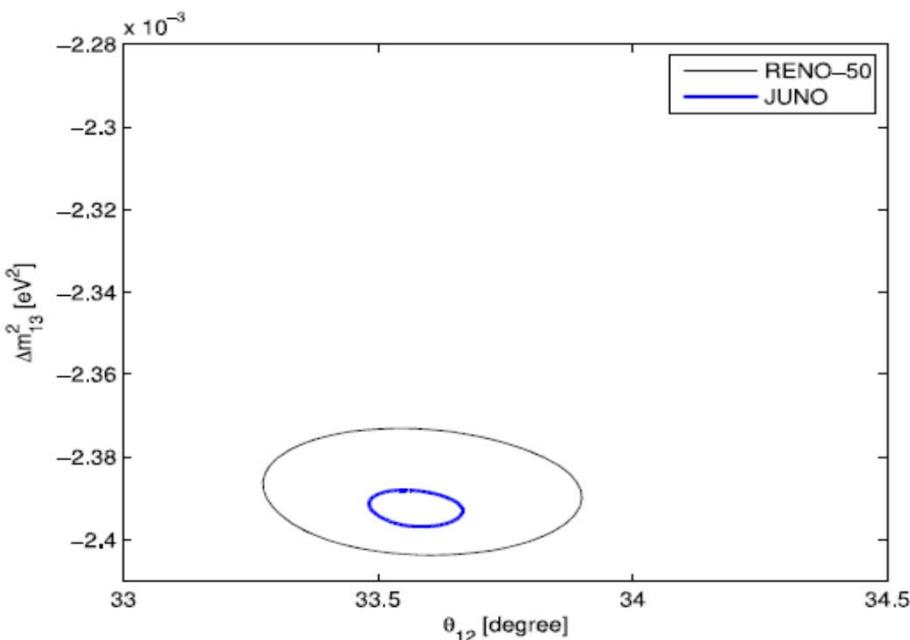
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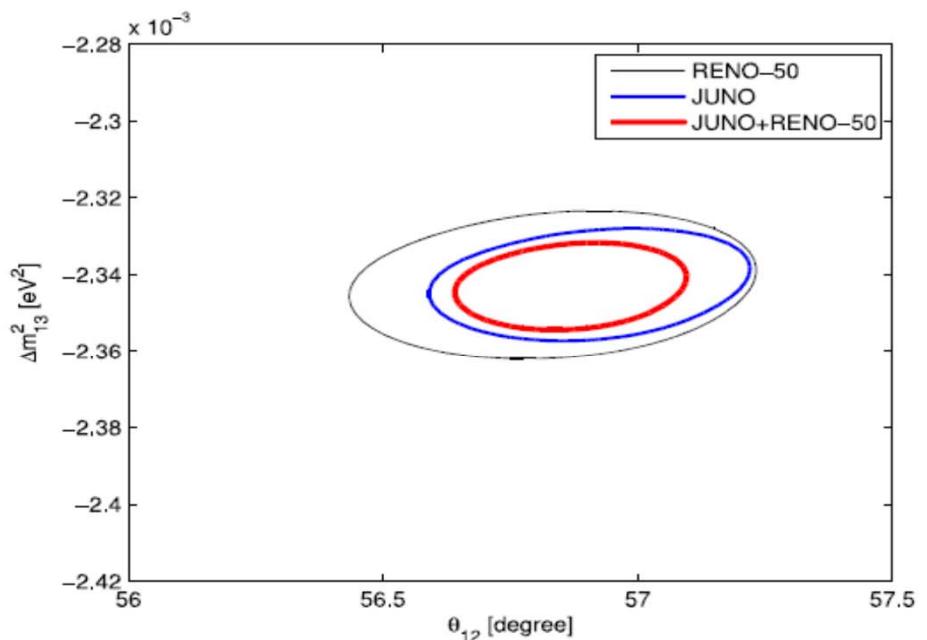
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# Backup

- Gadolinium-doped Liquid scintillator
- AD=anti-neutrino detector:
- Accidental background: correlation of two unrelated events
- Beta-neutron decay of Li/He produced by muons inside AD
- Neutron spallation

# Solution of the puzzle

- Neutrino oscillation
- Potecorvo proposed in 1957 in analogy of

$$K^0 \leftrightarrows \bar{K}^0$$

Even before solar neutrinos were discovered!!!

# Invisible Z decay width

$$Z \rightarrow e^- e^+ \quad Z \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+$$

$$Z \rightarrow \nu_e \bar{\nu}_e, \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_\mu, \nu_\tau \bar{\nu}_\tau$$

Fourth Neutrino ?!